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Troops March Out, Summer Marches In at Valley Forge

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. – As the troops march out of Valley Forge, the summer marches in. Valley Forge National Historical Park in King of Prussia officially kicks off the season on Flag Day, June 14, with the 230th anniversary celebration of the March-out of the Continental Army.

To honor those soldiers who left Valley Forge and went on to secure our nation's independence, re-enactors from the Oneida Indian Nation, Park Rangers, and volunteers will host a living history encampment at the Park's Muhlenberg Brigade on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cannon firings will be conducted at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Daily, beginning June 14, Once Upon A Nation storytellers will share anecdotal first-hand accounts of the encampment at four benches located throughout the Park. And during *Valley Forge After Hours* tours every Saturday night until September 1, visitors can enjoy updated Colonial fare, meet Martha Washington and share a campfire and stories with the troops. Other Park activities offered throughout the summer include ranger-led walking tours, costumed interpreters, trolley tours and bike rentals.

To celebrate the stars and stripes, Washington Memorial Chapel will host a Flag Day celebration on Sunday, June 15, at 3 p.m. featuring a fife and drum procession with Boy Scouts and costumed re-enactors to the tune of "Yankee Doodle". The history of the American flag will be shared, as will a patriotic concert on the Chapel's 58-bell carillon at 2:30 p.m.

Washington's ill-equipped Continental Army was encamped at Valley Forge for six months during the bitter winter of 1777-78. Better trained and supplied, the determined American army marched out on June 19, 1778, and went on to win the Revolution.

For more information about summer programs at Valley Forge National Historical Park, call 610.783.1099 or visit www.nps.gov/vafo. To get information about the Valley Forge area and affordable "Gas Is On Us" hotel packages, go to www.VisitVF.com.

About Valley Forge National Historical Park

Valley Forge National Historical Park is a national icon of the American Revolution that serves as a place where visitors enjoy, understand, care for, and preserve America's history and natural heritage. The Park offers an engaging, complete educational and recreational experience, providing an important piece of the American story in a beautiful, historical, preserved landscape.

About Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ltd. is a nonprofit, membership-based sales and marketing organization that aggressively promotes the Valley Forge area and Montgomery County as a convention site and leisure visitor destination by encouraging patronage of its 500-plus member hotels, restaurants, attractions and services. The Bureau's web site at www.valleyforge.org serves visitors, residents, meeting planners and tour operators.

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